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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

NOTICE.

RULES MADE UNDER "THE EAST AFRICA FORESTRY REGULATIONS, 1902."

No. 19 of 1902.

Forest Rules.

1. IN these Rules the terms defined below have the meanings respectively assigned to them:—

"Tree" includes "trees," "shrubs," "bushes," "bamboos," "palms," "creepers."

"Timber" includes firewood and all wood, whether in its natural state, or converted or fashioned in any way.

"Grass" includes all herbaceous growth.

"Forest produce" includes all substances found in a "forest area," whether vegetable or mineral—*e.g.*, resins, gums, rubbers, fruits, leaves, flowers, stone, iron, gold, earth, coal.

"Cattle" includes horned cattle, horses, donkeys, mules, pigs, sheep, goats, camels.

"Offence" is the commission of any action prohibited under these Rules.

2. In a forest area the following acts are prohibited:—

(i.) Cutting, lopping, damaging, removing, or subjecting, to any converting or manufacturing process, any tree, timber, or grass.

(ii.) Burning, or allowing fire to extend to, any tree, timber, or grass.

(iii.) Pasturing, or allowing cattle to trespass.

(iv.) Trespassing, hunting, shooting, setting snares, or having in possession any cutting implement or weapon for hunting or shooting.

(v.) Removing, destroying, or damaging any pillar post, mark, or device for demarcating any forest area.

3. Every servant of the Crown, every Headman of a tribe, every person receiving emoluments from the Crown, whether in land, kind, or cash, every person owning, cultivating, or residing on, or having rights in, land within a forest area, or within two miles of its outer boundary, shall prevent, and may interfere to prevent, the commission of a forest offence, and shall, without delay, report to the nearest forest or police officer, or to the nearest civil or military post, the commission of such offence.

4. The Conservator of Forests may accept, on behalf of the Crown, from any person, a sum of money as compensation for any offence committed by him; such compensation may extend to five times the value of the estimated damage done, or,

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where the value cannot be estimated, to 100 rupees for each offence. On the payment of such compensation, any property confiscated in connection with the offence may be released.

5. All forest produce, in respect of which an offence has been committed, shall be deemed to be the property of the Crown.

6. Nothing in these Rules shall be deemed to prevent—

(i.) The commission of any act prohibited thereunder, if such act be authorized in writing by a competent authority.

(ii.) The exercise of any right or privilege by the persons entitled to exercise such rights or privileges.

(iii.) The utilization by travellers on public roads of such dry timber as may be required for fuel.

7. These Rules shall apply generally to all areas that may at any time be declared to be forest areas under "The East Africa Forestry Regulations, 1902."

F. J. JACKSON,
Acting Commissioner.

Mombasa, August 1, 1902.

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